



# Emory Presbyterian Church

## The Weekly News

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS & PROGRAMS

Join us on Wednesday nights in this new year for delicious home-cooked dinners and outstanding programs! Dinner is served at 6 pm, followed by programs which run from 6:40 to 7:30 pm.

#### January 25

**Pastoral Associate Tom Buchanan leads a one-night program, "American Sages: The Spiritual Vision of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Walt Whitman."** The writings of Emerson and Whitman continue to inspire us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This program will explore their present relevance as a pre-eminent source of a uniquely American wisdom.

(Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, and Dessert)

#### February 1 & 8

**Georgia Interfaith Power & Light joins us to lead a two-week Home Energy Audit Training Class!** This class will teach us how to care for Creation through energy efficiency in our own homes. This is a good opportunity for us to learn about energy efficiency measures that can reduce our energy usage at home and help us save money on utility bills. We will also learn about reducing their carbon footprints and becoming better stewards of creation, so be sure to join us!

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**A brief congregational meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, January 29, to receive the budget and to satisfy the EPC articles of incorporation.**

**A new EPC Member Directory will be published soon.** Please contact the church office if you have any changes to your entry in the directory or if we need a photo by which others might be able to attach your name to your smiling face!

**If you need offering envelopes**, please contact the church office or indicate this in the Friendship pad, including whether you submit an envelope weekly or monthly. Note that envelope numbers remain the same from year to year.

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**The Worship Committee seeks volunteers to prepare communion for our 2012 worship services.**

Generally, communion takes place on the first Sunday of each month, although occasionally Session moves the observation of the sacrament to another Sunday. Volunteers are sought to prepare communion in February, April, and July through December, as well as for special services, such as during Lent and on Christmas Eve. If you have not prepared communion before, we have detailed written instructions. Or you might help someone else to get the hang of it. The process for both traditional communion and by intinction is not difficult; and this is a very special and meaningful part of our worship. Please contact Sue Sandell if you can provide this service during 2012, and thank you!

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**An Outreach "Dream Team"** will be convened on Saturday, January 28, from 9 am to 1 pm (location TBA), to look at ways we can be more effective in our outreach efforts going into 2012. From publicity to signage, from the visitor's typical experience to special community events, there is much to discuss, and we want people who are ready to dream big! If you would like to be part of this Outreach Dream Team, please contact Tom Buchanan at [jthomasbuchanan@yahoo.com](mailto:jthomasbuchanan@yahoo.com) or call 404-729-2144. We hope you will join us!

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**IN 2012, GET INVOLVED IN MISSIONS!**

**The Mission Committee will meet on February 5** after church for a short meeting. Light snacks will be offered.

**Donations to the Change the World jar through the end of January will be given to the Istanbul Center's Relief Fund for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey.** We partnered with the Istanbul Center for our 9/11 worship service and luncheon here. Let's help make "change" for the suffering this month, and keep all the victims of this disaster in our prayers.

**Our sister congregation, Trinity Presbyterian of Decatur, seeks donations of clothing for men, women and children for their community clothes closet.** Shoes, accessories and underwear are also welcome. Clothing must be clean. Place clothes in (grocery-sized) bags, in boxes or on hangers. Donations can be left in the sanctuary basement on the shelves marked "Trinity." If you would like a tax deduction form to record your donation, you can get one from Heather in the church office.

**The Stephen Pantry needs your support!** If you have the time and resources, the following items would be helpful: canned salmon, canned tuna, Vienna sausage, pork & beans, peanut butter and jelly, mac & cheese, canned corn, spaghetti and sauce, toilet tissue, packets of grits, canned fruit, spaghetti-O's, canned green peas, soups all kinds, washing detergent, body soap, and anything else you can think of to help the pantry out!

**Barbara Hornsby is the EPC Transportation Coordinator**, helping to arrange transportation to church for those who may not be able to get there otherwise. If you would like rides or are willing provide rides to special events, please contact Barbara at [jandbhornsby@comcast.net](mailto:jandbhornsby@comcast.net) or 770-676-9200.

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### **HeART Reflections is Coming!**

On Saturday, February 18, from 9am to 12 noon we will be gathering on the second floor of the Fellowship Hall for another HeART Reflections 'workshop.' The studio is across from the children's Sunday School room near the end of the hall.

For those who have not heard about HeART Reflections, it's a time when folks age 13 and older get to spend some play time with lots of arts and craft materials, paints, glue, etc. We begin with a quiet moment--a 'reflection' (perhaps a scripture), and then use the things around us to go wherever our imagination takes us. No experience is necessary. All supplies provided. No need to draw straight lines required.

The word 'workshop' is used in the loosest possible way, because of all the things this morning might entail, work will not be one of them. Think 'recess.' Think 'no expectations.' Think 'low stress.' Think 'quiet time.' Think 'fun'. Think, '*I'm going.*' Put it on your calendar..and bring your friends! See you there!

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Hope you all have a wonderful week! See you Wednesday and this weekend.

Grace and peace to you all,  
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